

## BIG LAKE TIPS

These hints & tips are to give you a small insight into each swim, however there are more features in each swim which can be located with a market rod or by using your eyes!

### Swim 1 – End Bay

Depths up to 10ft and is around 95 yards to the back. Generally silty with plenty of options especially the reed line on the left of the swim and the overhanging bush to the right of the swim front. Gravel strip around 2/3 of way up the bay. The bottom throughout the swim is generally silty with lily pads growing in the summer in the back. There generally is no weed growth in this area.

### Swim 2 – Long Bay

Depth ranges from 8-12ft. Worth fishing up to the trees opposite and the bush on the left of the swim can be productive. Excellent surface fishing swim on sunny mornings. The bottom throughout the swim is generally silty. There is no weed growth in this part of the lake.

### Swim 3 – The Gate

The depth of water ranges from 8ft to 12ft. Casting to the very back of the bay should be avoided as a submerged tree lies across the width  $\frac{3}{4}$  way up. The bottom throughout the swim is generally silty with a few gravel patches close to the reeds. There is no weed growth in this part of the lake. Fish to the overhanging trees on the left hand side & to the reeds a quarter of the way up the bay on the left. Fish to the mouth of the bay and don't go too far up.

### Swim 4 – Corner Spot

Pike Fishing up to 30 yds. Plenty of depth for silverfish anglers. The depth ranges from 8ft to 10ft but the reed line at the back is not your water. There is no weed growth in this part of the lake. This is only opened for carp fishing with anglers in 3 and/or 5 as it is very tight. The bottom throughout the swim is generally silty with patch of lilies to the right in summer.

### Swim 5 – Funnel

The depth of water in peg 5 ranges from 10ft to 12ft. Casting to the back reed lines produces fish but the main channel should not be ignored. The bottom throughout the swim is generally silty with a few gravel patches close to the reeds. Try a rod length off the margin in the far right corner.

### Swim 6 – The Reeds

The depth ranges from 8ft to 12ft. The bottom is silty out in front, which can be productive if a variation in depth is located. The edges of the bay and into the bay are well worth a try at 70-80 yards.

### Swim 7 – Alders

The depth ranges between 8ft to 12ft and the bottom is silty out in front. Zigs might be worth a try as fish swim up and down this part of the lake. Sandy raised area on the corner just before going into the big bay area.

### Swim 8 – Pipe Swim

The depth of water varies between 8ft & 10ft. The far reed line is an obvious target. Back right corner of the far margin in the bay can often hold fish

**Swim 9 – Armchair**

The depth of water varies between 8ft & 10ft. Worth fishing the silt 2/3 way across to the far margin. Have a look at variations in depth in the silty areas. Zigs are also worth a try.

**Swim 10 – Little Point**

The depth of water averages 8ft/9ft. A relatively comfortable cast to the far reed lined margin can achieve good results and don't forget any deeper areas in the silt in the front of the swim. Approx 70 yards to the far margin.

**Swim 11 – Queens Throne**

The depth varies between 7ft to 10ft. This swim is fairly silty in front with a nice margin of reeds where hookbaits can be spaced out. Put at least one rod towards the dead tree on the far margin. Zigs also score in this swim.

**Swim 12 – Drop Off**

The depth varies between 7ft to 11ft. The far reed line is a patrol route for the fish. Finding the deepest areas of the swim can hold the key to success. Don't ignore the goose run in the reeds on the far margin.

**Swim 13 – Ambush Point**

The depth varies between 6ft & 10ft. Try to locate gravel areas within the 60-yard limit and don't ignore the left and right margins as fish travel around between the two main arms. Max 60yds.

**Swim 14 – Windy Place**

The depth averages 5-6ft. Can be a good interception swim as the fish move between the two main arms of the lake. A margin rod is well worth a try. Gravel bar in front of this swim at 45-50yds

**Swim 15 – Bird Cage**

The depth is mostly around the 5ft mark. Fanning the rods out to various distances can help to produce feeding fish. There are also plenty of gravel areas to fish amongst this swim. Mussel bed situated on the right hand side of the swim around 50 yards.

**Swim 16 – Small Willow**

The depth of water is mostly around 5ft. Fanning the rods out to various distances can help produce feeding fish. Plenty of gravel areas in front of this swim 40-60 yards.

**Swim 17 – Channel**

The depth varies between 3-5ft. There is a small channel/gully around 35 yards out. A bait close to the weed beds could be worth a try.

**Swim 18 – Shallows**

The depth is between 3-5ft. There is a mixture of weed and silt with some gravelly areas and worth putting rods on these different substrates. Fishing tight to the weed beds can produce results.

**Swim 19 – AC/DC**

The depth averages 4ft. The margins of the swim can produce as fish move up and down the shallow arm of the lake. Fish tight up to the weed beds in the summer months. Surface fishing is also worth a try if fish are present.

**Swim 20 – Poacher**

Depth is quite shallow at mostly 3/4ft. This swim can be weedy but fishing amongst or close to the weed can produce results. A good peg to try close in. Excellent surface fishing swim in the warmer months

**Swim 21 – Heaven**

Depth of water varies between 3-6ft. Look for clear spots and areas amongst the weed. Don't ignore the deeper area just in front of the swim to the left. This peg can be good for surface fishing.

**Swim 22 – Hell**

The depth of water is shallow at around 3ft. It is worth finding clear spots in the weed to present a bait. Try putting a rod in the silt on the left margin just off the big overhanging bush. This peg can be good for surface fishing.

**Swim 23 – High Bank**

The depth varies between 3ft to 5ft. Search out clear gravel spots amongst weed beds, these will be productive as can a bait down the left margin and the right hand near the reed line. Ignore the dead tree on the left of the swim at your peril.

**Swim 24 – Green Mile**

Very shallow peg, search out clear areas amongst the weed bed. Don't fish too far out as the carp love the reeds.

**Swim 25 - ?**

The depth varies between 3ft to 5ft. The tip of the reeds to the left can be productive and baits presented near patches of weed on clear spots up to halfway out can score.

**Swim 26 – Carrot Corner**

The depth of water averages 4-5ft. A little suntrap the fish visit and a cautious approach can work well. Try to locate firm spots close in and further out amongst low lying weed. The left margin can produce in this swim.

**Swim 27 – Flagpole (dble)**

This is a spacious double swim with depths of 3-5ft and plenty of water to play with. Plenty of gravel in amongst the weed at around 40-50 yards.

**Swim 28 – Catch Pit**

Predominantly a peg for silverfish but can be used as part of a social with Swim 27 for 3 anglers.

**Swim 29 – Stalker**

The depth of water varies between 3-5ft from left to right. Small weed beds can be fished sensibly and accurately to achieve results. Use a market float to locate gravel areas which are also present. This swim warms up quick and as such floaters and zigs can pay dividends.

**Swim 30 – No Delivery**

The depth mostly varies between 4-6ft with a mixture of gravel, silt and light weed. Fish may come in relatively close if lines are kept out of the way. Well worth trying zigs as the water warms up.

**Swim 31 – Last Thoughts (dble)**

The depth averages around 6ft. This is a double swim which with space to go right in front of the diner. A mixture of gravel and silt. Recommended distances 60 yards on the left and 70 yards on the right.

**Swim 33 – Café Swim**

The depth averages around 7ft deep throughout most of the swim and there is plenty of firm gravelly areas to seek out. Try and locate the gravel bar and mussel bed at approx. 85 yards on the left.

**Swim 34 – Carp Park**

The depth averages between 7ft – 9ft. Two gullies run across the swim, one at a fairly short range and one will require a long distance cast. They are both reasonably wide, are silty and easily located First gully approx. 70 yards and second approx. 120 yards.

**Swim 35 – Caspers Rest**

The depth of water varies between 6ft to 9ft. A quiet corner swim with a mixture of silt and light weed in front. The right hand margin contains two patches of lilies and a reed line which are well worth a try. Fish as long as you like but remember the right hand tree lined margin.

**Be lucky!**